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Title: Need to set up a railway halt on Grant Chord Railway Line at Godiha, district Aurangabad, Bihar.

SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR (AURANGABAD, BIHAR): The Grand Chord railway line runs through Aurangabad district of Bihar. A number of Important railway trains run along this line serving mainly passengers from rural countryside. Passengers catch the desired trains at Rafiganj railway station. But, this poses extreme inconvenience and security problems to commuters who have to travel long distances in areas affected by left wing extremism and which have poor road connectivity. Where roads exist, they are in poor condition. This inconvenience is heightened at night. It is essential to take note of this plight of people living in the backward areas of Bihar's rural countryside.

It is, therefore, requested that Hon'ble Railway minister may kindly establish a Railway Halt in that area to afford the much needed relief to the rural population. It will be ideal if such a halt is established at Godina on the Grand Chord line. It falls in Rafiganj block of Aurangabad district and is so centrally located that it will benefit commuters from at least twenty villages who, otherwise at present have to travel to Rafiganj to catch their desired trains. To simplify the process of decision making, it is suggested that only night trains may kindly be allowed to stop at this halt which may be called the Godina Halt.

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* Treated as laid on the Table.